

New VIA route transports Soldiers, Families downtown

VIA has established a new bus route to better serve the transportation needs of Soldiers, Family Members and civilian employees at Fort Sam Houston.

Effective Saturday, June 2, Route 16 will transport passengers between Fort Sam Houston and the Alamo United Services Organization in downtown San Antonio on Commerce Street.

The route will be Saturdays only from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. in 40-minute intervals. Passengers will board the bus at the Hacienda Recreation Center, Building 1462. The bus will enter the Walters Street Access Control Point, follow Walters Street to Wilson Street to Garden Road to Johnson Circle and end at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The bus will exit Walters ACP and end at the USO. The cost is \$2 each way or \$25 for a monthly pass.

Passengers must comply with Army security procedures to ride the bus and gain entry to post, to include:

- Passengers must have a Common Access Card, military ID or valid picture ID to gain access to Fort Sam Houston.
- Security guards at the gate will check the interior and exterior of the bus prior to entry.
- Based on security concerns or threat assessments, bus service may be denied access.

The new route will be evaluated during an initial 180-day trial period. At the end of the trial period, if VIA determines the route is in compliance with service standards, Route 16 will become permanent.

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